

Jessie has been teaching for 10 years, the last 5 serving at Tyrone Middle School. She has taught both math and science, most recently teaching the sixth grade. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Grove City College in 2008 and a master's degree in instructional leadership from Robert Morris University in 2013.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Jessie for the commitment she has made to her students. I wish her continued success in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO REBECCA CHILDS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Rebecca Childs, the Levy County Teacher of the Year from Williston Elementary School in Williston, FL.

Rebecca is best described as a hard-working educator who has demonstrated capabilities in curriculum and instruction, data analysis, and assessment. She is committed to improving the quality of instruction and assessment through ongoing professional development and reflective teaching practices.

She serves on the district math and science cadres and facilitates the creation of standards-based curriculum maps and district common assessments. She develops classroom assessments to monitor student learning and provide quality, standards-based instruction to fourth grade students. Becky has also mentored both new teachers and interns at her school.

Rebecca graduated from Saint Leo University with a bachelor of arts in elementary education and graduated from Florida State University with a master of science in educational leadership. She previously was a reading coach, kindergarten, first grade, and second grade teacher at Joyce Bullock Elementary School. Since 2015, she has been a fourth grade teacher at Williston Elementary School.

I express my sincere gratitude to Rebecca for her dedication to her students throughout the years. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK FARLEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Patrick Farley, the Martin County Teacher of the Year from Crystal Lake Elementary School in Stuart, FL.

Patrick received this important recognition as his priorities as an educator are to deepen his student's leadership skills and independence while continuing to inspire and create communities within the classroom. He has the ability to motivate his students and is able to teach them how to problem solve with the resources and people around them.

Beyond his classroom, he chairs the schoolwide positive behavior interventions and supports initiative at Crystal Lake, serves as a coach for the robotics

team, track team, and as coach and co-founder of the running club. He is also the girls basketball head coach at Anderson Middle School and is an active member of Covenant Fellowship Baptist Church.

According to his peers, their entire community is fortunate to have teachers like Patrick, who is dedicated to improving the lives of young people. They view him as an exceptional educator who exemplifies what it takes to make a true difference in the classroom.

Patrick is a fifth grade teacher at Crystal Lake Elementary and has 4 years of teaching experience, all within the Martin County School District.

I express my best wishes to Patrick for his commitment to educating his students. I look forward to hearing of his continued success in his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO AMY GRIMM

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Amy Grimm, the St. Johns County Teacher of the Year from Julington Creek Elementary School in St. Johns, FL.

Amy was named Teacher of the Year for the second time, previously winning the award in the 2002-2003 school year. She enjoys teaching first grade students because of the wonder and joy they experience. She always says first grade is a magical year.

According to Amy, first graders are excited about learning. She saw much growth in her students this year as they became readers. They come to her classroom dependent and blossom into confident learners by the end of the year.

Amy is a mentor to other teachers and believes in developing and supporting the whole child and takes a thematic approach in her classroom. It is not uncommon for her to also be seen at her students' extracurricular activities supporting and cheering them on.

Amy graduated from Frostburg State University in Maryland with a bachelor's degree in early childhood and elementary education. She has 22 years of teaching experience, all within the St. Johns County School District. She began her teaching career with the school district in 1995 at Ketterlinus Elementary School as a first grade/title I teacher. She has been with Julington Creek Elementary School since 1998 and is working toward her gifted endorsement.

I offer my best wishes to Amy for her tireless work and dedication to her students. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO SAMANTHA LAMORA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Samantha Lamora, the St. Lucie County Teacher of the Year from Savanna Ridge Elementary School in Port St. Lucie, FL.

Samantha received the Teacher of the Year award for her student's superior performance, her teaching routines, and outstanding classroom practices. Inspired by her students' desire to learn, grow, and celebrate their own successes, Samantha values collaboration and looks for opportunities to extend that beyond the classroom by establishing solid partnerships between home and school. At the start of each year, she writes to the parents of her students a letter detailing her educational philosophy, expectation of success for her students, and pledge to partner with them in their child's academic journey to guarantee achievement.

Her classroom is open to parents on a number of occasions each year in order to celebrate the accomplishments of their children. In the spirit of working collaboratively with her colleagues, Samantha also helps to produce a weekly newsletter to streamline communication. She also is an active member of the school's positive behavior intervention success, parent-teacher organization, and literacy committees that help to plan events after school in an effort to bridge the gap between home and school. She is always seeking to make a positive difference for her students.

Samantha is a first grade teacher at Savanna Ridge Elementary School with 5 years of teaching experience. Stepping into the role of a teacher is an answer to a lifetime career calling she deems magical.

I express my best wishes to Samantha for her commitment and dedication to her students. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR MASSEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Taylor Massey, the Hendry County Teacher of the Year from Eastside Elementary School in Clewiston, FL.

Taylor's teaching philosophy centers around what she describes as not settling for mediocrity and fostering great citizenship and leadership with her students. Her favorite part about teaching is giving her students a voice and watching their minds grow.

She is the adviser to the county's only National Elementary Honor Society chapter and adviser to the STEP club. Taylor is also part of the new teacher induction team to welcome new teachers to the district. She strives to be a positive role model for her students and loves having close connections with her students' parents.

She is a product of the Hendry County school system, having attended Eastside Elementary School, Clewiston Middle School, and Clewiston High School. She now teaches alongside some of the teachers who taught her in elementary school.

Taylor is a fourth grade teacher, and this is her fifth year teaching in the